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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, relative to managed care organizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section \_\_\_\_.

(a) Not later than January 1, 2003, the commissioner of commerce and insurance in consultation with the commissioner of health and representatives from managed care organizations shall develop and promulgate by rule a uniform referral form and a uniform preauthorization form which contains standardized information required for such referral or preauthorization. The uniform referral form and the uniform preauthorization form shall be utilized by providers and managed care organizations.

(b) Providers and managed care organizations shall not deviate from the standardized forms established by rule pursuant to this section. In addition, such managed care organizations shall be required to develop and implement procedures to

ensure that health care providers are regularly informed and educated by the managed care organizations.

(c) Any managed care organization or provider which fails to comply with this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth at Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-216, or in the alternative, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-220.

(d) Such rules may be promulgated in accordance with the public necessity provisions of title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act do not apply to TennCare.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.